

Maine State Library Maine State Documents

Maine Writers Correspondence

Maine State Library Special Collections

September 2015

Wilmot Brookings Mitchell Correspondence

Wilmot Brookings Mitchell 1867-1962

Hilda McLeod Jacob

Maine State Library

Maine State Library

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalmaine.com/maine_writers_correspondence

Recommended Citation

Mitchell, Wilmot Brookings 1867-1962; Jacob, Hilda McLeod; and Maine State Library, "Wilmot Brookings Mitchell Correspondence" (2015). *Maine Writers Correspondence*. 378.

http://digitalmaine.com/maine_writers_correspondence/378

This Text is brought to you for free and open access by the Maine State Library Special Collections at Maine State Documents. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Writers Correspondence by an authorized administrator of Maine State Documents. For more information, please contact statedocs@maine.gov.

MITCHELL, Wilmot Brookings.

September 25, 1946

Dr. Wilmot Brookings Mitchell
Brunswick
Maine

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

For some little time, a defect in the Maine Author Collection has distressed us: the books of one of our most distinguished educators are not here.

Possibly you know of this collection, which is a permanent exhibit of the books of Maine writers. Over fifteen hundred volumes are here -- from Madam Wood to Mary Ellen Chase, from Kenneth Roberts to Henry W. Longfellow, from Edward Sylvester Morse to Robert P. Tristram Coffin, from Rufus M. Jones to Holman Day. All kinds of books are included, all kinds of authors; but all are of Maine.

The inscriptions in these presentation volumes lend distinction and value, and visitors and students are constantly impressed by this representation of Maine's contribution to literature. We find inscriptions of an artistic nature; some are bits of verse; some are revealing autobiographical notes; some are tributes to the state of the author's birth; but all are original and fascinating.

We also gather all available information about our authors -- biographical, critical, photographic -- and we preserve correspondence. You can readily understand why the collection steadily increases in worth and interest.

We are always regretful at any omission, but the fact that your four books are not here is acutely embarrassing. We hope that you may want to inscribe and present SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SPEAKER, ELIJAH KELLOGG -- THE MAN AND HIS WORK, ABRAHAM LINCOLN-- THE MAN AND THE CRISIS and EDUCATION IN MAINE to the Maine Author Collection. The inclusion of your books would be an honor and a privilege.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmj

January 15, 1947

Dr. Wilmot Brookings Mitchell
Brunswick
Maine

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Perhaps our earlier letter strayed -- it was about the Maine Author Collection, and the regrettable fact that your books are not in this permanent exhibit.

It is a disappointment to us whenever we learn of an omission, and of course SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SPEAKER, ELIJAH KELLOGG-- THE MAN AND HIS WORK, ABRAHAM LINCOLN -- THE MAN AND THE CRISIS and EDUCATION IN MAINE belong on these shelves.

The collection was started some twenty years ago, and includes all the work of all Maine authors: at least, this is our aim and intent. Such a unit is of increasing value to students, and of great interest to visitors.

We earnestly hope that you, too, may want to see your books in this permanent collection, and that we may be privileged to add inscribed copies.

Please accept our most cordial invitation to call at the library when you are in Augusta, and see the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmfj

March 25, 1947

Dr. Wilmot Brookings Mitchell
Brunswick
Maine

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

A fiftieth anniversary is perhaps a suitable point at which to consider history that one has helped make, and presents us with a fine opportunity to write again about the Maine Author Collection.

In its way, the collection is history: the visible history of the writing of Maine people. It is a matter of regret that any Maine son should not be found on these shelves, for the collection is a permanent one, valuable now, increasingly so as years go by. This point requires no clarifying detail to one of your perception and judgment.

It is still our hope that your four books may be included in the collection. Wont you call at the library and see it some day -- perhaps when you are on your way to South China.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

August 28, 1947

Dr. Wilmot Brookings Mitchell
Brunswick
Maine

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your kind message gives me courage to write again, although this letter will be but a repetition. Perhaps, however, it will serve to keep us in mind, and say once again that we hope your books may be added to the Maine Author Collection, which is quite incomplete to long as thw work of a distinguished son of Maine is omitted.

Come in and see the collection some day when you are in Augusta. We think you would find it of interest to see just what we are doing to gather and preserve these books of Maine writers.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

Dr. Mitchell called personally August 19, and presented his books.

June 17, 1953

Professor Wilmot B. Mitchell
Brunswick
Maine

Dear Professor Mitchell:

Is it true that you have a new book on Bowdoin during the decade of 1820-30? If it is, we want to order a copy for the lending section of the library; and we want to speak in behalf of the Maine Author Collection.

If this is, alas, but a deceptive rumor, we should also like to know, so that we can more intelligently answer our patrons. We have already had an inquiry about the book; and at the moment we are remarkably unprepared to give information about it.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

July 21, 1953

Professor Wilmot Brookings Mitchell
Brunswick
Maine

Dear Professor Mitchell:

How very kind of you to remember the Maine Author Collection! I am sorry that I was not here when you called to present A REMARKABLE BOWDOIN DECADE to the Maine Author Collection. Please accept our warm thanks for the addition of this delightful and stimulating booklet.

We should very much like to secure a copy for the regular lending section of the library. Mrs. Stubbs said that you would try to find one for us. I do hope you are successful.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection